by (he State Government. Extension plantations are being taken up under Fuelwood and fodder project schemes and also rehabilitation of degraded forests in the State.

(e) The State Government have approved Schemes for raising plantations under fuelwood and fodder project and rehabilitation of degraded forests.

**Tree Growers Co-perative Project in Rajasthan, Orissa and Tamil Nadu**

4381. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Swedea has provided any Aid to Support a new "TREE GROWERS CO-OPERATIVE PROJECT" in Rajasthan, Orissa and Tamil Nadu. If so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have signed any Agreement to this effect with some other countries also; and

(c) if so, the manner in which this project is proposed to be fundel and the General Assistance proposed to be provided State-wise during 1992-93 and actually given till date particularly to Rajasthan and Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF (ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH (a) to (c) An agreement has been sigsed on 30th July, 1992 with the Government of Sweden for obtaining finnacial assistance to implement the Tree Growers' Cooperatives Project in Rajasthan, Orrisa and Tamil Tadu. The Assistance will be in form of Palmolein oil which will be received and monetized by the National Dairy Development Board and the funds so generated will be placed at the disposal of the National Tree Growers' Co-operatives Federation Limited, which is the implementsg agency. The total project cost is Rs. 24.47 crores oper a contribution will he about 75 per cent tJnder the project, 100 tree An area comprising 4430 hectares of private land and 5250 heltares of common land is proposed to be covered usder the project.

The appraised project document (APO) provides for the allocation of Rs. 2.1 million each to Rajasthan, Orrisa and Tamil Nadu for setting up tree growers cooperatives in the first year of implementation. However, the agreement having been signed only on 30th July. 1992 the final allocation is still to be decided.

The Government have not signed any other agreement with other coustriesfor setting up Tree Growers Cooperatives. However, negotiations are in process with the Canadian Government for their providing external assistance to set up Tree Growers Cooperatives in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Gujarat. The tentative cost of the project, under which it is proposed to set up 100 Tree Growers Cooperatives in each State, is about Rs. 44 crores.

**Violation of prevention of cruelty to Animals Act in Bombay**

4382. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crimes against animals are committed at. the De-onar abattoir, Bombay by those incharge of it as well as by those misusing it in violation of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, I960, as reported in the Sunday Observer, New Delhi of 2nd August, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that animals are brought to Bombay in congested trucks and lorries in shocking conditions resulting in death of many animals due to suffocation;

(d) whether it $i_s$ also a fact that acid is poured into their nostrils and tobacco is rubbed into their eyes so that the animals stand up for slaughter; and

(e) what action. Govemment have taken or propose to take to' check the crimes being committed against animals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND